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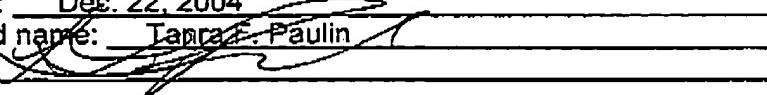
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TITLE: Scanning To At Least One Of Multiple Destinations

RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION MAILED NOVEMBER 3, 2004

Remarks

Claims 23-31 are pending. Claims 23-31 have been rejected under Section 102 as being anticipated by Blasio (2002/0085244). In support of the rejection, the Office incorrectly asserts that Blasio teaches (1) the input peripheral notifying one of multiple destination devices that the device has been selected to receive data and (2) a primary/secondary level destination selection scheme as claimed.

Claims 23 and 27 require displaying a user interface from which one or more of multiple destination devices may be selected to receive data from an input peripheral and the input peripheral notifying a selected one of the multiple destination devices that .

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the device has been selected to receive data. In Blasio, by contrast, the input peripheral communicates with only a single host device (host computer 200). The host device, not the input peripheral, communicates with one of multiple final destination devices. Blasio, Fig. 1 and paragraphs 0041, 0042 and 0045. In Blasio, a user selects the final destination for a scan from a list of multiple final destinations. Blasio, paragraph 0041. The selection is sent to host computer 200. Host computer 200 pulls the scan data from the input peripheral and sends the data on to the final destination selected at the input peripheral. Blasio, paragraphs 0042 and 0045. To the extent host computer 200 in Blasio might somehow be deemed a selected destination device, it is not selected from a display of multiple destination devices. That is to say, the input peripheral in Blasio does not notify a selected one of multiple destination devices as required in Claims 23 and 27. (In fact, it does not even appear that host computer 200 in Blasio notifies the selected one of multiple final destination devices that it has been selected to receive data – apparently host computer 200 just sends the data unannounced to the selected device.)

Claims 23 and 27 also require that the selected one of multiple destination devices, in response to the notifying, requests that the input peripheral begin transmitting data to the selected destination device and, in response to the request, the input peripheral scans a document and transmits data representing the document to the selected destination device. Again, even it is assumed that such communications take place in Blasio, host computer 200 handles any such communications, not the input peripheral.

For these reasons, Claims 23 and 27 are felt to distinguish patentably over Blasio. Claims 28 and 31, which are computer medium counterparts to Claims 23 and 27, contain similar limitations. For these same reasons, therefore, Claims 28 and 31 are felt to distinguish patentably over Blasio. Claims 24-26 and 29-30 are also felt to distinguish over the cited reference due to their dependence on Claims 23 and 28, respectively.

Claims 25 and 27 also recite a two tiered destination selection scheme. Claim 27, for example, recites displaying a user interface from which one or more of multiple

destination devices and one or more resources on one or more of the devices may be selected to receive data from an input peripheral. Although Blasio allows a user to map a name displayed on the input peripheral to a resource on a destination device, folder 300 for example, it does not provide a display from which the user can select both one of multiple devices and one of the resources on the selected device. Blasio, paragraphs 0054. Blasio, therefore, does not teach these additional limitations in Claims 25 and 27.

For these additional reasons, Claims 25 and 27 are felt to distinguish patentably over Blasio. Claims 30 and 31, which are computer medium counterparts to Claims 25 and 27, contain similar limitations. For these same additional reasons, therefore, Claims 30 and 31 are also felt to distinguish over the cited reference.

If the Office disagrees with Applicants' analysis of Blasio, it is respectfully requested to specifically point out *and explain* those passages in Blasio that support the Office's position.

The foregoing is believed to be a complete response to the outstanding Office Action.

Respectfully submitted,

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